

FISH and WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: December 8, 2016

Agenda Item: 2017 Spring Turkey Quotas

Division: Wildlife

Action Needed: Proposed

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 Min

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Background

Season structures and hunting district boundaries are adopted biennially for most game species. This happens every other year between December and final adoptions in February. Except for sage grouse, upland game bird season dates for 2017 were finalized in February 2016. Other season elements including bag and possession limits may be changed annually. There are no established quota ranges for spring turkey permits and consequently, all changes require Commission approval. There are three proposed changes for 2017 Spring Turkey quotas and limits: two in Region 3 and one in Region 4. Spring turkey permits are for male turkeys only. All other elements of the spring turkey quotas and limits are proposed to remain unchanged from 2016.

SPRING TURKEY

- 399-20: increase Region-wide general permits from 200 to 300
- 399-21: increase Region-wide youth permits from 25 to 50
- 445-20: increase Cascade County general permits from 10 to 15

Public Involvement Process & Results

Public comment on this proposal will run through 5 PM, Friday, January 13, 2017. Any final adoption by the Commission will be at the February 2017 Commission meeting.

Alternatives and Analysis

Proposals may be adopted as proposed, with adjustment, with additions, with deletions or no change from 2016 (status quo) as per staff justifications, public comment and/or Commission discussion.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

FWP recommends the Commission adopt the proposed changes, keeping other elements unchanged from 2016. This is consistent with known biology, management history and survey efforts to date.

Proposed Motion

I move the Fish and Wildlife Commission adopt the proposed spring 2017 turkey quotas and limits as presented by FWP.